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C O N F I D E N T I A L TAIPEI 7675

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SUBJECT: SECTION 301 PETITION FILED BY CHARLES REHFELDT, LAI FU
TRADING CO. LTD.

REF: (A) STATE 176962, (B) TAIPEI 5836, (C) TAIPEI 7101

1. Y. T. WANG INFORMED EMBOFF ON NOVEMBER 15 THAT THE
LIST OF ITEMS ON WHICH THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
WAS PROPOSING TARIFF REDUCTIONS DESCRIBED REF C HAD BEEN
SUBMITTED TO THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE. WANG FURNISHED US
THE LIST OF THESE ITEMS AND THE PROPOSED REDUCTIONS. OUR
TRANSLATION OF THIS LIST IS AS FOLLOWS:

CCC CODE	COMMODITIES	CURRENT	PROPOSED
		TARIFF	TARIFF
		RATE	RATE
		(PERCENT)	

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0310-10 BOVINE HIDES, OTHER THAN CALF-

SKIN AND KIP SKINS

5903-90	ANIMAL OILS AND FATS (INEDIBLE)	26	20
	OTHER THAN BEEF TALLOW (RENDERED), OILS INCLUDING FATTY ACID		
5931-99	FUNGICIDES, DISINFECTANTS, INCLUDING SHEEP AND CATTLE DRESSING AND SIMILAR PREPARATIONS, N.E.S.	33	30
7242-14	AIR CONDITIONING MACHINES, SELF-CONTAINED, COMPRISING AN ELECTRIC MOTOR-DRIVEN FAN AND ELEMENTS FOR CHANGING THE TEMPERATURE & HUMIDITY OF AIR, EQUIPPED WITH ELECTRIC MOTORS OF TOTAL RATING NOT MORE THAN 1 KW	60	50
7308-20	COLOR TELEVISION BROADCAST RECEIVERS (INCLUDING CHASSIS)	45	40
7309-10	RADIO-GRAMOPHONES	45	40
7312-97	PARTS OF OTHER TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, N.E.S.	26	25
7313-11	DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL REFRIGERATORS (FREEZERS INCLUDED)	45	40
7341-12	RECORD PLAYERS INCORPORATING AMPLIFIERS	58	50

2. IT MAY BE NOTED THAT THE LIST INCLUDES ALL THE ITEMS CONTAINED IN OUR ORIGINAL REQUEST (SEE REF A) WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SYNTHETIC FIBER CARPETS AND AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES. WANG HAS INFORMED US THAT BECAUSE OF THE CURRENT DIFFICULTIES BEING EXPERIENCED BY THE ROYAL SYNTHETIC FIBER INDUSTRY, A REDUCTION ON CARPETS AT THIS TIME WAS NOT FEASIBLE. WITH REGARD TO AUTOMATIC

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WASHING MACHINES, OUR OBJECTIVES, I.E. THAT THE RATE OF 46 PERCENT NOT BE INCREASED, HAS BEEN ACHIEVED (SEE REF B, PARA 4). IT MAY BE FURTHER NOTED THAT THE SIZE OF REDUCTIONS IN NO CASE MEETS OUR OBJECTIVES AS OUTLINED IN REF A WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ELECTRICAL REFRIGERATORS, WHERE OUR OBJECTIVE WAS A ROLBACK TO 45 PERCENT. HOWEVER, AS REFRIGERATORS AND FREEZERS COME UNDER THE SAME TARIFF NUMBER, THE REDUCTION ON

PERCENT RECOMMENDED DOES NOT MEET OUR OBJECTIVE ON
FREEZERS, I.E. 33 PERCENT.

3. WE HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE TIMING OF
GROC ACTION ON THIS LIST BEYOND THAT CONTAINED IN REF C.
HOWEVER, WE WILL PURSUE THE MATTER WITH THE MINISTRY OF
FINANCE, TAKING THE OPPORTUNITY TO POINT OUT THAT THE
SIZE OF THE REDUCTIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE MOEA DO NOT
MEET OUR REQUESTS.

4. THE SIZE OF THE TARIFF REDUCTIONS RECOMMENDED WILL
ALMOST CERTAINLY BE UNSATISFACTORY TO LAI FU AND THE
REHFELDTS.

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